

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-11.

Please add the following claims:

Claim 12 (new): A method for improving, enhancing , or modifying the odor properties of a fragrance by incorporating from about 0.005 to about 10 weight percent of the compound of claim 1.

Claim 13 (new): The method of claim 12 wherein the compound is incorporated at a level of from about 0.5 to about 8 weight percent.

Claim 14 (new): A fragrance formulation comprising from about 0.005 to about 70 weight percent of the compound of claim 1.

Claim 15 (new): The fragrance formulation of claim 14 wherein the compound is incorporated at a level of from about 0.1 to about 50 weight percent.

Claim 16 (new): A method for the preparation of 4,10,10,11,12,12-hexamethyl-3-oxatricyclo[7.3.0.0<2,6>]dodecane comprising the heating of 7,7,8,9,9-pentamethyl-3-prop-2-enylbicyclo[4.3.0]nonan-2-ol, toluene and methanesulfonic acid.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the heating is conducted at a temperature of from about 80 to about 90 °C.